

supporting the bills.

The State Department, together with the U.S.I.A., has been
convinced in the Soviet case of American propaganda. In 1944, there
was an exhibition loaded with works by pro-Communist artists to Europe.
This unrepresentative exhibition was recalled by Secretary Marshall at
great expense to the American taxpayer.

Another American exhibition was circulated in France at the
expense of the French government. The cost of organizing this show at
this war fell upon the U.S.I.A. and private individuals. It again con-
tained mostly bad works of art which was to be expected, since the way
of selection was entirely Communist.

"Sport in Art," (not an all American show) originated by

Sports Illustrated of Time, Inc., but gathered together by the American
Federation of Art, started traveling around this country on its way to
represent America at the Olympic Games in Melbourne. The American
Federation of Art had been paid substantial fees for the previous two

exhibitions mentioned above, and for the third time they stopped out
of line by including Communist staff. When identified with sports, it
became even less understandable than in any other setting. This show

was in Dallas, Texas, where the alert and well informed citizens
of Dallas, including those in the Public Affairs League Club, Art
Associations, business organizations, and patriotic societies, joined
forces in the Dallas County Patriotic Council to protest the showing of

this exhibition. The Dallas people discovered that the U.S.I.A. should
have known from previous experience, and that Sports Illustrated could
have checked upon -- that the Federation had quietly guided the Communist
boys into a position from which they thought there was no escape.

Fortunately, the U.S.I.A. withdrew its sponsorship, and shortly thereafter 90

stopped another exhibition, "Twentieth Century American Painters," which had been destined to misrepresent our culture in another determined drive by the Federation of Art to force acceptance of its monopoly of radical culturalists at the expense of the American taxpayer. This organization should be stopped cold now. It advocates that freedom of art means freedom to continue to control art for the benefit of the radical Communists and the venal clicks it claims as representative of American art.

"The human art termites, disciples of multiple 'isms' that compose so-called modern art, boring industriously to destroy the high standards and priceless traditions of academic art, find comfort and satisfaction in the wide dissemination of this spurious reasoning and wickedly false declaration, and its casual acceptance by the unwary."

"Cubism aims to destroy by designed disorder.

"Futurism aims to destroy by the machine myth. The futurist leader, Marinetti, said: 'Man has no more significance than a stone.'

"Dadaism aims to destroy by ridicule.

"Expressionism aims to destroy by aping the primitive and insane. Klee, one of its three founders, went to the insane asylums for his inspiration.

"Abstractionism aims to destroy by the creation of brainstorms.

"Surrealism aims to destroy by the denial of reason.

"Let me touch briefly on some of the 'isms': The four leaders of the Cubist group were Picasso, Braque, Leger, and Duchamp, but what these reds are today is another matter. The artists of the 'isms' change their designations as often and as readily as the Communist front organizations. Picasso, who is also a dadaist, an abstractionist, or a

surrealist, as unstable fancy dictates, is the hero of all the creekpots in so-called modern art. The left-wing critics call him the 'gag' by which American modernists may measure their own radical worth, and a dozen years ago it was arranged that he address his disciples in the Red American Artists Congress by international telephone hook-up. But no matter what others call Picasso, he has said of himself: 'I am a Communist and my painting is Communist painting.'

"Concerning the other three, Braque, Leger, and Duchamp, there is a variation only in degree of unbalance. Leger and Duchamp are now in the United States to aid in the destruction of our standards and traditions." The former has been a contributor to the Communist cause in America; the latter two are now fancied by the neurotics as surrealists.

The American Federation of Art is not performing as an educational institution if it permits notorious Red publicists intent on brain washing and propaganda to evaluate our culture. Already this outfit has had four strikes. Normally it would be three and out, but there is some peculiar relationship between the U.S.I.A. and themselves that seems to keep them up at bat, and each time representing substantial cash rewards, which obviously are being used to disgrace this country.

Exhibitions sent abroad by our Government as representative of American art must fulfill a purpose. Imposed downgraded standards of evaluation to include what so-called art experts call leading tendencies in American art, permit the many subdivisions of the Red contortionists to hold predominance in many art exhibitions. This should not be permitted in our Government-financed shows.

The art of the 'isms' is the art which has been transplanted to America straight from the Russian revolution. It is intended to destroy an enemy. Communist art in Russia is to delude the Russian workers -- a

medium of propaganda picturing and extolling the imaginary wonders, benefit and happiness of existence under the socialized state.

All of these cockeyed 'isms' are of foreign origin and should have no place in American art. The contents of our Art Exhibition in Brussels is non-objective paintings with one or two exceptions. It is based on the theory that we must abandon the logical and adopt the illogical. How did we ever let this hoard of art distortionists, these international art thugs, descend upon us? Daniel G. Rich, Director of Fine Arts of the Art Institute of Chicago, explains: "The arrival of a boatload of famous European, modernists just before the war, also vastly stimulated the non-representational -- the present group of refugees met and influenced American painters -- other modernists -- had already landed in American universities and art schools where they set to work busily teaching the precepts of advanced European expression." Now let us see who Mr. Rich is. He was a pupil of Paul Sachs, head of the Fogg Museum of Harvard University and he sits as Chairman on the panel of visual art of U.N.E.S.C.O. along with three delightful specimens from the Museum of Modern Art, Ben Shahn, Sam Lewishon, and William Scraack. These latter three have an aggregate of over twenty references against them in the reports from the Committee on UnAmerican Activities, while Paul Sachs is an honorary trustee of the Museum of Modern Art.

Thomas Craven, foremost art critic in the United States, refers to the Fogg Museum as "the rendezvous of an effeminate and provincial tribe." Under the administration of Paul J. Sachs, it has accepted, nurtured and exalted the whole school of so-called modern and contemporary art, but more catastrophic than that, the Fogg Museum has trained many of its

effeminate elect to be directors of museums throughout our land. These individuals have procted the art of the 'isms' and to a large degree have been responsible for the acquisition at inflated and fictitious prices of the so-called master works of this dog-scrapple of art that the public does not like, does not understand, and does not want to buy. Not only do they persist in jamming this art into museums from Maine to California, but they have effectively aided in excluding the works of our real American artists from exhibitions and competitions by loading the juries against academic artists. In innumerable instances, the committees on invitations are so fixed that the traditional artist is no longer invited to send his paintings. These tactics and subversive methods of alienating our real artists from the public shade the works of truly great artists such as George Bellows, Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins, Edward Hopper, Robert Rigggs, Arthur Heintzelman, and many of the real masterpieces of Whistler, Sargent, Ryder, Inness and others.

We are now fact to face with the intolerable situation where public schools, colleges, universities, art and technical schools, invaded by a board of foreign art anglers are selling a doctrine of 'isms' Communist inspired and Communist connected which have one common goal -- the destruction of our cultural tradition and priceless heritage. Sometimes it is difficult to uncover a very active lower stratum of pink, fairyish, busybodies, who squander institutional funds in an orgy of spending to hasten the destruction of the art of our great inheritance. The record is appallingly bad for the State Department and the U.S.I.A., in their joint relationship with the American Federation of Art and the Museum of Modern Art.

The official catalog of the American Art Exhibition at the Brussels World Fair contains a foreword by Harris K. Prior, Director of WOLC The American Federation of Arts. It says practically nothing, but one paragraph is a beauty, "The objects in these exhibitions have been lent by a wide variety of owners: by artists, art dealers, private collectors, art museums and educational institutions. Their great generosity in lending is testimony to their belief in the importance of the arts in America." This paragraph is pure hogwash as it does not tell the reader or the viewer the background of the ^{works} ~~18~~ ²⁵ works. Suffice to say, at least 25 works are out of the same rubbish pile which contributed to other Red-dominated shows, fostered by the American Federation of Arts. The preface to one of the four sections of the exhibition, "Seventeen Contemporary American Painters," was written by Grace N. Morley, Director, San Calif. Francisco Museum of Art, who has at times acted as hostess to the Red-dominated Artist Equity Association, and in addition, is also listed as a member of the National Council on the Arts and Government, which has for its address the Whitney Museum in New York City. A bit of her sneaky philosophy is contained in a short paragraph:

Before arriving at its definitive choice, the Committee of Selection reviewed national and regional exhibitions of the preceding year or two, saw paintings available in New York, and called in for consideration works from other cities. The result is a representative cross-section of the varied aspects of contemporary art in the country.

Other members of this choice little group of termites are William Lorch and Leon Kroll. These latter two were involved in the Dallas affair and have continually supported Communism and Communist-front organizations for decades.

It would be a complete give-away as to why this indescribable dribble was selected. Needless to say, there is no sign of a conservative work of art in the entire exhibition. (The Edward Hopper excluded) The show is a complete mutilation of what conservatism represents. It is junk, of the lowest conception.

George ^{W. Stapp} ~~Stapp~~ signed his name to this gem of a paragraph under the heading of "Contemporary American Sculpture," "Nobody knows where this experiment of the 20th Century will lead....As a group, they reflect the creative ferment of our generation, and interpret its reaction to the insecure climate of our age." Who gave this so-called coordinator any right to make our art exhibition at the Fair an experiment and who in the world can understand art in relation to the words "insecure climate of our age." This kind of an expression patterns itself along the same lines as the art assembled for this show. The only thing certain about the two sections, "Young Contemporary American Painters" and "Contemporary American Sculpture" is the total insecurity of it. It has no place in Brussels; it has no place in this country; and the sooner we get rid of this team-work so cleverly designed to destroy us, the better our future. Fortunately, these bunglers who somehow gained entre into Commissioner General Howard Cullman's good graces could not injure our display of Indian art or the American folk art. As a gesture of protection to these two divisions, there are now in Brussels some 100 cow-boys and Indians. They just won't stand for anymore tampering and incidentally, they could be used very nicely for lassoing the Brussels junk and holding an old-fashioned lynching party.

Recently, because of the violent criticisms of this whole mess,

... head of the U.S.I.A. was rushed to Brussels to whitewash the

whole affair. His quoted opinion was on the cool side, which is suspiciously like an indictment without admitting the facts. What did not come out in his cleansing statement is the fact that the Director wired an S.O.S. to the Whitney Museum, of all places, for 17 substitutes. These are now at the Fair, hidden upstairs where the tourist can see them if he or she is too critical of the main floor exhibition. These ninth inning utility pieces are not the slightest bit better. Mr. Allen has murdered the American people. He had an opportunity to throw out the guests and replace them with worthwhile tenants. His was that of pussy-cat action. The unfortunate sweet young things acting as guides are beginning to disobey their orders. A counterfeit is usually discovered and when it is, it is usually burned and replaced by the real thing.

It is unfortunate that the American pavillion stays open until 10:00 P.M., while the Russian pavillion closes at 6:00 in the evening. It gives more people an opportunity to laugh at us, which is the prime objective of the 'ism' boys, the pinkos, and the fairies who have combined with the help of the State Department, the U.S.I.A., and the American Federation of Arts and the Museum of Modern Art to shoot us in the back as a nation, while pleading self-defense.

Some years ago, a certain Mr. Paul Porter was chosen by the State Department to head up the then new American E.C.A. operation in Athens, Greece. He lasted two years and during that time, millions of dollars of our taxpayers money went down the drain through misdirected energy of a contaminated mind. This same Mr. Porter was unveiled as a member of the Communist Party. In his defense he said, "I was a member for 12 years and ended my association 24 hours before the State Department

hired me to go to Greece." Somewhere in this area of government there must be a check of no-goods; somehow they must be erased, because some time, unless they are, not only our art heritages will evaporate and be consigned to the basements of museums, but all our other great wealth of culture will be crushed.

It shouldn't take a Sherlock Holmes to find out who is responsible in the State Department for giving the American Federation of Art the opportunities as described, to damage all of us and to further their obvious clandestine program. What is the connection between the two and where is the connection?

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JOHN H. TEETER

730 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

August 6, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear John:

The attached may interest you.

Sincerely,

John (Teeter)

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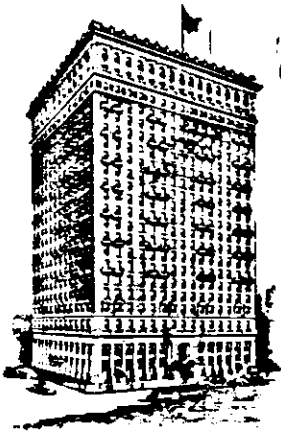
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Mr. Walter Winchell
c/o New York Daily Mirror
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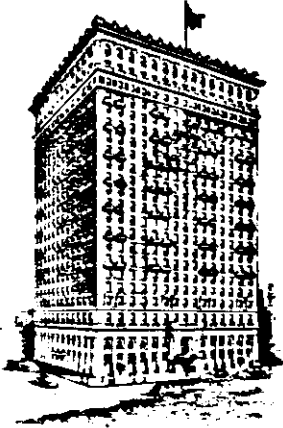
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Dear Mr. Winchell:

About four years ago I happened to tune in when you were telling about a midwestern city where if one were sued in Federal Court, and any one of a small group of attorneys filed the suit, it would be next to impossible to secure the services of a first-class law firm. Your description fits perfectly in this midwestern city, Tulsa.

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Ten years ago I brought suit in State Court for an accounting against a partner that I had had. He then came back at me in Federal Court claiming a Patent which I had applied for in July or August 1946. His attorney was one [redacted] former clerk in our Federal Judge's law office. My attorneys suddenly became too busy to give my affairs their attention and asked me to get someone else to take my case. I went to other leading attorneys who, when they learned about [redacted] they gave me what is generally referred to "as the brushoff". Finally, when discussing the matter with a friend who was operating head of a large corporation here, he suggested that he would make their law firm take the case. When he called them and told them he had a new client for them they were very happy about it, but afterwards in their office they definitely did not want it. They told us why but it wouldn't be quite fair to quote them. They took the case and as seems to be the custom, we settled out of court and had an agreement where they dropped all claims on the Patent but I sacrificed my suit for an accounting. Shortly afterwards, the Patent was granted. They filed suit again in State Court but just before it was due for pre-hearing, they removed it to Federal Court. It laid there for months until they pulled it again and filed it a second time in State Court. The next time, they removed it to Federal Court and we pinned them down with a cross-petition in State Court, where on the strength of the agreement at a pre-hearing, I won the case on the evidence of the agreement alone. We then had to answer again in Federal Court where the agreement didn't mean a thing. My attorney then asked for that they be made to file a new petition because the one filed had been settled in State Court. This was refused. My attorney then asked for another judge to hear the case and was turned down. He then turned to me, made a statement that he couldn't do me any good in that Court and asked me to get someone else and walked out.



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I finally ended with a young attorney with very little experience and the Judge ruled that neither one of us invented it and killed the Patent.

I appealed this case to the Federal Court of Appeals in Denver and lost again. After hearing you on the radio, I went to the legal paper here with the names of these so-called favored sons. I made a notation of every suit filed by them in Federal Court over a period of ten years. First of all I found that at least 80 per cent of their lawsuits were settled out of court. I also called five of the victims, two would not talk, but three did. They all had the same experience that I had in regard to getting an attorney to defend them and their cases were settled out of court.

While in Denver, Colorado on two occasions, I visited the Docket Room of the Federal Court of Appeals and ran down a large number of cases appealed from decisions from this Court here, and came up with the opinion that anything appealed from Tulsa is thrown in the lap of Judge Murrah as he wrote the opinion of all of the cases appealed from Tulsa.

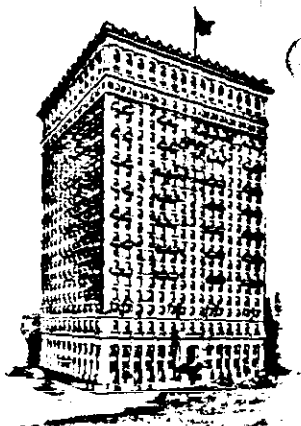
Judge Murrah and our Judge Savage here were members of a school fraternity at Oklahoma University. They were very active in raising campaign funds to elect their former English teacher at O. U., Josh Lee, to the U. S. Senate and he was responsible for having them appointed judges.

On my last look at the Dockets in Denver, I afterwards had dinner with friends and told them what I had been doing. A short time later, this friend sent me a clipping from the Denver Post which gave a short history of Judge Murrah's life. It told about him and another "Rover Boy" named Bohannon, opening their first law office at Seminole, Oklahoma during the oil boom in 1928. Then, it also told his nickname (Fish).

During the 20's the writer operated [REDACTED] and I had a number of men working for me [REDACTED] In those days I used considerable liquor for [REDACTED]

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entertaining. One day I asked one of my men if he knew any of the bootleggers. He said he did not know them but had a telephone number which he had been told was a law office and if I would call that number and ask for "Fish" and give him my order it would be delivered. Since I received the clipping from the Denver Post, I have run down some of his old customers, in my spare time and recently located the man who was [redacted] at that time. He confirmed what I had already learned from others, that Fish Murrah was the biggest bootlegger in Seminole. [redacted] is now [redacted] in Oklahoma City, but due to the fact that [redacted] has fallen off during the past eight months, [redacted] I have not been back to see [redacted]

An investigation of the above will also lead to a lot of good news on how things have been operated in the Internal Revenue Office in Oklahoma City. [redacted] who is head of a law firm in Oklahoma City, is badly mixed up with the Internal Revenue Office. A man [redacted] was the attorney [redacted] He lived with a brother at that time who was a member of [redacted] law firm. He would report, apparently, anyone who was being investigated. [redacted] firm would then have one of their men call on you and recite any number of cases where they got the boys off on very small fines. One man here did not make a return while he was building a million dollar fortune. They got him off with a \$2,500 fine but they collected a \$25,000 fee. That man is now ready to talk and there is a tape recording record which one of my friends made of that particular incident, along with many others that they told him about.

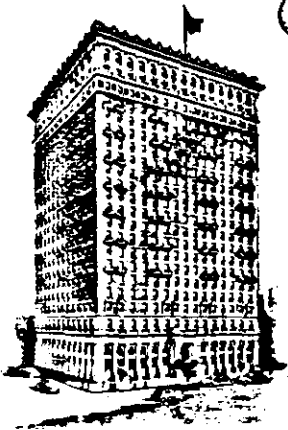
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The man who checked the return of [redacted] of this city and found his 1947 return in bad shape is ready to talk [redacted] paid off to him \$3,800. The man with the State Income Tax somehow exposed this and the man was arrested and fined \$2,500. It has been intimated to me that the fine was paid by the man's former bosses. Some of these men had to resign on account of it. This attorney [redacted] was one of them.

I have a number of contacts, that if you are interested, I will be glad to turn over to your representative. I wish only that I could hear you tell over the radio about how they made Federal Judges out of bootleggers and hoodlums in Oklahoma.

Yours very truly

[Large redacted signature block]



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P. S. For your information most of the data that I have on [REDACTED] Law Firm and Internal Revenue was given to me by one of my associates here who recently passed on. His wife has five recordings which she will give only to the FBI. There is a State Tax man who will only talk to the FBI or if he is forced, he will give it to a Congressional Investigation. He cannot talk about what he knows on account of his position but I am sure that he is anxious to tell the what he knows about five different cases. He gave me a contact to make, several days ago, with a wealthy man of Pryor, Oklahoma. He said this man could tell me plenty so I drove to Pryor yesterday but the man is away and won't return until the 10th or 11th of this month.

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Note: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is said to be one of the favorite sons here and is also said to be a member of [REDACTED] Law Firm of Oklahoma City.

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Mr. John H. Teeter
Executive Director
Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for
Cancer Research, Inc.
730 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

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Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your note of August 8,
1958, forwarding the letter which Walter Winchell

received from [redacted] It was very
thoughtful of you to make this communication available
to me, and I deeply appreciate the interest which prompted
you to do so.

Sincerely,
Edgar

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Bufiles reflect cordial relations with Judge Royce H. Savage and Judge Alfred P. Murrah and reflect no derogatory data re them other than that furnished by [REDACTED] is described as an elderly man who rambled from one thing to another during an interview with an SA of WFO and appeared to be disgruntled because of adverse decision against him in patent suit. He apparently is expending considerable effort to develop derogatory data re those responsible and has contacted Drew Pearson and others in an effort to stir up publicity concerning the matter. Full details have previously been furnished to Internal Revenue Service and to the Department.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: September 22, 1958

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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Reporter Reports Case

In May, 1958, Walter Winchell, the well-known syndicated columnist, furnished the Las Vegas Resident Agency information about a possible violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statute. Winchell advised he was acquainted with a dancer, [redacted] who, while in Las Vegas at the time, cashed nine American Express Traveler's Checks which were returned because they had been reported stolen. [redacted] claimed to have received these checks as a gift "with no strings attached." This case is currently under investigation.

Interest Explained

Subsequent investigation developed considerable additional information regarding [redacted] which was not furnished by Winchell. [redacted] a Las Vegas bartender [redacted] advised that he was well acquainted with her and that she was a high class "call girl" who received \$200 a night for her services. [redacted] advised that Winchell, along with the well-known entertainers [redacted] and [redacted] had all "dated" [redacted]. He also advised [redacted] left Las Vegas shortly after the Traveler's Checks were returned and that Winchell escorted her to the airport. [redacted] advised that he heard later from a source which he could not recall [redacted] had returned to New York City with Winchell and that Winchell had paid for her ticket. [redacted] also stated that in addition to his relations with [redacted] Winchell had four or five other girls "in his stable" while in Las Vegas and that he freely passed out money to all of them. (SU Crimdel, 9-17-58)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the information of the Director.

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November 12, 1958

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

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Dear Walter:

I have just seen your column of November 9, 1958, and want to tell you that I am certainly grateful for your confidence and support. The October 31, 1958, issue of "Counterattack" comments on the criticism being leveled at the FBI, and I am sending along a copy which I thought you would like to have.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,
John

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Walter Winchell of New York

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The Headliners

Nelson Rockefeller's most valuable asset is the fact that he always had the things money cannot buy: Integrity, sincerity and a sense of dedication to public service. He held posts under three Presidents—both Democratic and Republican—long before he sought elective public office... Undoubtedly, Mr. Rockefeller's youthful discipline played a major role in shaping his character... When he earned \$5-a-week (doing menial chores), young Rockefeller wasn't allowed to spend the money frivolously... He saved ten percent of his salary and gave another ten percent to charity.

He once explained: "We children were brought up to regard waste almost as a sin. We were not supposed to take more food on our plates than we could eat, while to leave anything uneaten was looked upon with disfavor. My father used to say that one of the easiest ways to make money was to save it."

Among the more momentous bulletins from Celluloidia is the report that the production schedule of Miss Monroe's "Some Like It Hot" movie is lagging. The foregoing is hardly a surprise. Marilyn Monroe is no stranger to tardiness. As a matter of fact, being anti-prompt is almost a compulsion. At one time she went to a psychoanalyst to do something about it. Alas, that failed to solve the problem. She always arrived late for her appointment.

With wonderful illogic, Miss Monroe explains it: "It's not really me that's late. It's the others who are in such a hurry."

Cyril Ritchard has a gift for the quicksilver aspects of comedy. See him juggling soap bubbles in "The Pleasure of His Company" and you'll appreciate his remarkable talent... Mr. Ritchard is no fan of the Big Daddy school of drama. He'd rather have big laughs. "I can't stand the gutter type of play," he says. "I feel I should make people grin a bit. I like naughtiness but I don't like dirt." His secret? "If I can give my audience the feeling I am having the time of my life then I consider myself successful."

Despite his love for laughter, his career includes a rather grim experience: He was a drama critic!

When destiny plays its weird music, everybody dances. And when Barrie Chase danced with Fred Astaire on teevee—fate played a magic tune. Several moments on the Big Eye made the 23-year-old darling a star. But she has been in show biz since she was 3-years-young. And now she has the world wrapped in cellophane. Networks are offering tv shows, film producers are offering fabulous contracts and reporters are constantly calling for interviews. Every pumpkin is a glittering coach. But success hasn't flipped Miss Chase. She shrewdly pointed out to a newsman: "Being an overnight success is fine, but being a lasting success is something else again."

A golden typewriter is more of a victory than a gift. As in most fields of endeavor, the source of success in literature is hard work... Truman Capote's latest, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" is destined for best-sellerville. It is his first published effort in almost a half-dozen years. Nevertheless, he is constantly writing. He keeps a journal of personal events, a diary of everything he reads and even jots down detailed descriptions of his dreams.

Cyd Charisse, a girl who is a Girl, is currently igniting the "Party Girl" flicker. She recently gave her formula for keeping men happy: "Treat as any pet. Three meals a day, plenty of affection, a loose leash. Do not disturb while eating."

Of course, the best way to make a male a slave is to look like Miss Charisse.

Jean Simmons, who is giving an Oscar-baiting performance in "Home Before Dark," arrived in Hollywood after clicking in Olivier's "Hamlet" and was considered one of Britain's leading twinklers. At a Movieville party a producer gave in her honor—Miss Simmons came with an autograph book and busily collected signatures of Mr. and Mrs. Stardust.

Now more sophisticated, Miss Simmons describes Baront-type performers as "convertible actresses—they act with the top down."

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Harry Revel, who composed "Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?" "Stay as Sweet as You Are" and countless other dandies, passed this week. He was born in London and had never visited Uncle Samville when he wrote "I'm Going Back to Old Nebraska." It was his initial click and resulted in offers from the U. S.

The end came for Revel when he was only 52. Ironically, he once made this prophetic comment: "The trouble with youth is that it is not permanent. The trouble with life is that it is so temporary."

Gian-Carlo Menotti, who created "Maria Golovin," is a tremendously gifted composer. His interviews, however, are sometimes off-key. Two Sabbath papers carried yarns about him. One quoted Mr. Menotti: "Opera should be an art, not an investment. For me, money is poison." Another quoted his explanation for bringing the "Maria Golovin" opera (which closed Satdee) to B'way: "I need the money."

In short, the only time money is important is when you need it.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song" is being serendaded by reviewers in try-out-towns and rolling up a fantastic advance sale... The critic who has the greatest influence on Mr. Rodgers is Mrs. Rodgers. He relies on his bride for the first reaction to a new song. If she says it's nice, he worries. He's sure he has something only when he gets an emotional response—as he did with "Hello, Young Lovers," which caused her to burst into tears.

Fate is constantly underplaying its dramatic aspects. Seemingly innocuous events have vital repercussions for individuals involved... Lovely Diana van der Vlis, who opened this week in "Comes a Day," became an actress because her father teased her about lisping. Finally, he sent her to a school to correct it. There she studied diction and speech and that led to the theatre.

Playwright *S. N. Behrman's* "The Cold Wind and the Warm" will soon open on Broadway—but Behrman won't attend the premiere. When his plays open, he stays home. "I have amusing ways of getting through an evening," he says. "Among other things I try to dope out what Brooks Atkinson's attack is going to be—I know his phrases and his style. I have improvised openings for him for 30 years. Not once have I been right. It's a delicious annoyance."

There is no reason to disgrace *J. Edgar Hoover* and the FBI with a defense. The most effective reply to foolish critics is the 34 years Mr. Hoover has devoted to defending the United States. One reason we still enjoy the Bill of Rights—and the privilege of criticizing Hoover—stems from the great, tireless job by this dedicated public servant.

Numerous liberal Democrats were landslide victors. In brief, FDR won another election.

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Walter Winchell of New York

Man About Town

Ex-Queen Soraya and Harold Krupp Von Bohlen (of Germany's "Arms" Empire) may be the surprise wedding of '59... Ava Gardner's latest interest is British writer James Hillary, one of England's Angry Young Men... Pals insist Cary Grant and his wife Betsy Drake are cooler than ever, despite their abrogation announcement... The reason Lady Docker's son Lance didn't date American gals: Remaining true-blue to his girl in Britain, model Tina Ann Winters... Imogene Coen (co-star of "Girls in 50's") and Mickey Deems are very much That Way... The mother of Andrew Prime (lead in "Look Homeward Angel") married for the 3rd time in Miami last week. She is now Mrs. Fletcher Howell... Walter O'Keefe, tv emcee, and the widow of Chas. Rochester (former Pres. of the Hotel Lexington here) were married at St. Patrick's on Sept. 24th... CBS producer Paul Roberts and actress Ellen McRae have been secretly sealed for six weeks... Biggest feud in Hollywood: Elizabeth Taylor and The H'wood Reporter's M. Connolly.

Gov. Harriman's inner circle blame his defeat on one thing: Rockefeller's crowd spent over \$650,000 on advertising, compared to the loser's mere 75Gs. Ave, they say, felt that he "had-it-in-the-bag" ... Frederick Loewe (composer of "My Fair Lady" and "Gigi") has a favorite dinner-date: Tammy Allen, pretty brunette, recently in "Romanoff & Juliet"... Backers of Shelley Winters' next play, "A Piece of Blue Sky," must put up \$1,500 for 1%... Trenton, N.J. legal notices last week revealed a divorce hearing labeled Webb vs. Webb. Translation: Wally Vernon, movie and stage star, and his wife Ginger Sherry Vernon... Heheheh. Since the election Rocky Graziano's chums are calling him Governor.

The Washington Wire: Justice Dept. insiders understand that Bernard Goldfine's "expected" indictment will make news before Yuletide... Beds will converge on the U. S. Board of Parole on the 13th. The day parole applications come up for Henry Winston and Gilbert Green, convicted under the Smith Act... Father Hartke, head of the Drama Dep't at Catholic Univ., was given Dist of Columbia license plate 8:30... Editors are checking talk that the N. Y. County Bar Ass'n and Adlai Stevenson may clash. Over his law firm connection. He is a partner, but not in their N. Y. branch, which will rebuttal that Adlai doesn't practice law here, mainly in the Capital.

Anna Maria Alberghetti's familiar quarrel with Mama over marrying "out of her faith" invariably breaks in the gazettes just before she opens at some night club... Variety's front page banner confirms all the yelps made here about tv ratings... Rosemary O'Reilly (she joins "Three Penny Opera" this wk) and husband singer George Smiley are having their six year merger unknotted... It's a Girl for the James Rattrays of the N. Y. Mirror... Playwright Arthur Kober is courting the producer of "Miss Lonelyhearts," Diana Green... Lynn Bari's husband Dr. N. Rickles was once Judy Garland's psychiatrist. Judy is the wife of Miss Bari's ex-husband Sid Luft. Clear now?... News photog Philip Greitzer's dgthr Shelly weds Dec. 27th. He is D. Alpert, ex-Capt. of the Hunter basketball team... Don't invite "Suzie Wong" director Josh Logan and Wm. Gaskill ("Epitaph" director) to the same opening night.

The Jack Palances may be reconciled. She's flying back with the tots from Switzerland for a reunion... The Johnny Morris (and the Ford) Foundation gave grants to do research on sex problems... Lena Horne says an imposter is posing as her son... Gertrude Ederle, first American gal to swim the English Channel, has been made an exec of U. S. Pool Corp... Villa Capri (Hollywood) wild rumor: That if John Kennedy is elected Prez in 1960, his good friend Sinatra will become U. S. Ambassador to Italy. (What! And take a cut?)... Lauren Bacall's beau (New York branch) Len Gershe surprised Baby's friends by walking into the Delmonico Lounge with model Vanda Allen... Mary Beth Hughes and ex-husband D. Street... a night club act. No romance... Just gotta call

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Confessed Red Spy Jack Sobel is the most temperamental one we have. Won't testify for the Gov't (in other cases) unless Mrs. Sobel (also in a clink) comes along... Arthur Murray wrenched his back while being taught a new rock-and-roll routine at his dance studio... Eartha Kitt and scriptwriter John Hayman had Londoners agog... Connie Francis sang the songs you'll hear Jayne Mansfield "vocal" in the movie, "Sheriff of Fractured Jaw"... The new play, "Rashomon" (more Orientals), has 1/4 of a million advance sale and doesn't start rehearsals for a month... Don't invite Ben Hecht to any saloons in Yorkville... L. Sillman's epitaph will be the name of his autoblog: "Here Lies Leonard Sillman. Straightened Out at Last."

Movie stars John Wayne and Bill Holden are furious over Louisiana's law which prohibited Tennis Queen Althea Gibson from dining (or living) with the cast of "Horse Soldiers" filmed in that State. Her scenes must be shot in H'wood... Actor John Ireland and the town fathers of Deland, Fla., have parted forever... Statuesque Marion Bruce shelved it all to be a Girl Friday to a Doubleday exec. She's now wed to Dr. A. Logan, Duke Ellington's medic... Michael Rennie and his wife Margaret (separated for ages) finally decided it was just infiruation and will have it erased... British sex-bomb June Wilkinson's best beau is believed to be W. Wellman, jr... The H. Hollingers of Variety are infanticipating... Megimide is the name of a new drug (due soon) to combat an overdose of sleeping pills.

American magazine staffers back from abroad tell us that the Soviet Writers (who spanked Pasternak) voted 800 to 0 to rapri-mand him. Another group wanted to defend him but were railroaded off the floor before the voting took place... Theater Guilder Theresa Helburn has been ill at Norwalk (Conn.) Hospital for a month... Mark Scott, dancer with the London troupe of "West Side Story," just had his left ear pierced for an earring... The Gabe Summers of Shubert Alley add to the Mom-and-Population next summer... The Mel Tormes' cradle song is being readied for Feb... Roz Russell's camera director (Mel Ferber) for her next tv epic weds actress Betty Lou Robinson Dec. 7th... Chandler's staffers wonder if Murray Matheson is Faye Emerson's latest conquest... Dept. store exec, Gene Kline, and Barbara Kameron, lovely model, were married last Friday... That lovely dish in Charm's insomnia layout is model Phyllis Connor, who keeps rich lawyer Robert Lasky awake nights... They say Johnny Mathis' romances never get serious because his manager (Helen Noga) chaperuins the sitcheeyshun when Johnny acts like he's enjoying it... The man who gave Nelson Rockefeller the idea of running for Governor was lawyer Bartley Crum, who has a letter from him saying so.

Walter Winchell resumes his Sunday Evening newscasts (6 P.M., New York time) November 18. Over the Mutual Radio Network, the largest in the world.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
c/o New York Mirror
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Winchell:

Knowing what a great job you did for Director J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit", which I read and thoroughly enjoyed, I would like to call your attention to a book written by a former Bureau agent.

The book is called "The Naked Communist" and was written by W. Cleon Skousen, who is now Chief of Police of Salt Lake City. It is published by the Ensign Publishing Company, Salt Lake.

I have read many books on this subject, but find this one the best of them all. Knowing how you feel about Americanism vs communism, I thought you might be interested, in not doing Mr. Skousen a favor, but doing a favor for the American people as a whole.

I for one would like to see this book in every school in the United States, however, I am well aware that such could never happen.

The last section of this book is called "Five Vital Questions" and for people who do not have the time to go into this subject thoroughly I think these 30 to 40 pages interestingly composed and written would teach them more about the communist movement in this country than anything yet published.

I know you are a very busy man, but I also know you are interested in America. I hope you will either read this book, or have it read for you.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 17, 1958

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 16, 1958

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WINCHELL SAID

"Washington, D.C. - The Air Force will refuse to deliver its accounts for auditing on grounds they are classified. The Account Office will insist on grounds Air Force may be covering up corruption waste and graft."

COMMENT

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID

"Los Angeles Herald Express - State Racket Committee investigating the publishing of Lana Turner's letters wants to know what I did with them. I turned them over to Miss Turner's press agent last July when I was in California."

COMMENT

These letters possibly refer to ones sent to Lana Turner, well-known Hollywood movie actress, by Johnnie Stompanato, an associate of Mickey Cohen. Stompanato was stabbed to death by Lana Turner's 14-year old daughter, Cheryl Crane, on April 4, 1958.

WINCHELL SAID

Chicago American - Attention John J. Madigan, Jr., the Department of Justice probe will involve a hate sheet editor in Chicago

COMMENT

Statement possibly refers to F. Allen Mann, publisher, "The Revere" under the name of his organization "The Christian Patriots Crusade" also known as American Christian Patriots Party. This is a one-man organization and "The Revere" has been described as anti-Semite, profascist, pro-segregation. John J. Madigan, Jr., is the assistant managing editor of the "Chicago American."

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 24, 1958

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 23, 1958

WINCHELL SAID

"Philadelphia - a Federal Grand Jury is conducting a secret investigation of Red spying activities around New York City and Philadelphia."

COMMENT

This is erroneous information. Check of interested sections of Bureau, New York, and Philadelphia fails to indicate such Grand Jury is in session.

WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - U.S. Attorney General's office offered Frank Costello a deal last week whereby Costello would be deported to Italy instead of doing five years in prison if he would become a Government witness. Costello, 65, turned it down."

COMMENT

Costello was sentenced to 5 years, \$30,000 fine on income tax evasion in 1954. He served 11 months and was released on an appeal. He must now return to prison for remainder of sentence.

WINCHELL SAID

"Capetown, Africa - Independent nations of Africa will meet in December, their first historical convention. One of their principal speakers will be the American, Paul Robeson. He will attack the U.S. This is a very heavy blow by an ingrate in a very crucial area."

COMMENT

Paul Robeson, well-known Negro singer and Soviet apologist, is referred to above.

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"Bagdad - Iraq is on the brink of a civil war. Crack Red intelligence teams now operate through that country. The Iraq Government may beat them to the draw."

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST

WINCHELL SAID

"Buenos Aires - Argentina Government, backed up by its loyal army, has dictator Peron's fifth column with its back to the wall. Peron at Trujillo City is asking Moscow for immediate assistance."

COMMENT

Trujillo City is Ciudad Trujillo which is located in the Dominican Republic. Juan Peron, ex-dictator of Argentina, has sought asylum in the Dominican Republic.

WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - The new Congress will publicly investigate the private investigation of the Galindez murder."

COMMENT

Jesus de Galindez, former Columbia University professor, mysteriously disappeared in March, 1956, at New York City. The above possibly refers to an investigation conducted by Morris Ernst, New York City attorney. Ernst, a registered agent of the Dominican Republic, conducted an investigation concerning Galindez on behalf of the Dominican Republic. His investigation supposedly cleared the Dominican Republic.

WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - Cyrus Eaton, the mid-West critic of the FBI, made another speech at the National Press Club (Washington, D.C.). He said he and Mr. Khrushchev walked freely on the streets of Moscow where he said he saw only one female cop. Mr. Eaton's own publicity man, by the way, privately admits his employer's boner. Mr. Eaton's walk with Mr. Khrushchev was not on the streets of Moscow but inside the Kremlin grounds. That's like walking in the White House driveway."

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TO : Mr. Tolson *J. Edgar Hoover*

DATE: 12-1-58

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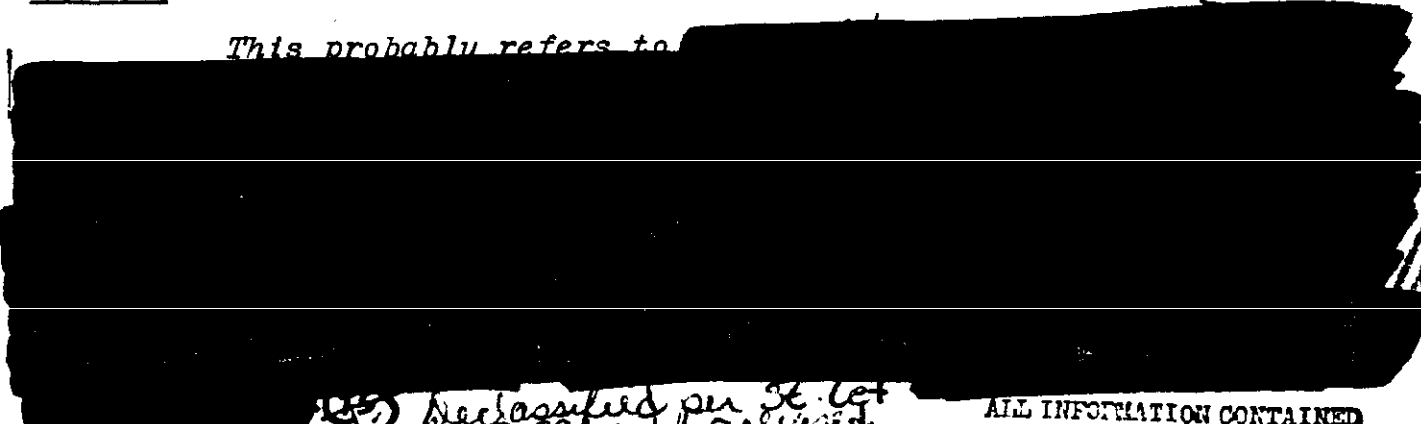
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"Washington, D. C. - an investigating committee is checking a tip that a newly elected congressman gets \$50,000 a year from a foreign government to help secure United States money by way of foreign aid."

COMMENT

This probably refers to



WINCHELL SAID

"New York City - the probable new United States Attorney for New York will be Milton Kessel, now special assistant to the United States Attorney General." D.C.

COMMENT

For your information.

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"Philadelphia Inquirer - things look brighter for the Reds in Philadelphia. A resident in Florida gave the communists in Philadelphia a tremendous sum of money. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. The FBI, however, knows his name."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 8, 1958

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
DECEMBER 7, 1958

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City - 'The Nation,' that is a magazine, and writer Fred J. Cook, recently smeared John Edgar Hoover and the FBI. That same team will next get out a special edition defending Morton Sobell. Sobell was convicted for Red spying with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Sobell is now doing 30 years in Atlanta Federal Prison."

COMMENT:

The New York Division by airtel 11/28/58 captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell - Internal Security Act of 1950," advised that a special edition of "The Nation" would contain defense of Sobell.

WINCHELL SAID:

"St. Louis Post Dispatch' - the so-called secret meeting of Missouri Reds will be held in St. Louis on December 15. National Communist Party leaders will be present."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - the disappearance of Dr. Jesus deGalindez in March, 1956, may soon be solved. Four Americans have been indicted by a New York Federal Grand Jury. One is a former Federal agent. Another is a New York police figure."

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
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DECEMBER 7, 1958

COMMENT:

Departmental Attorney William Hundley advised on December 8 that there is no truth to Winchell's statement and that no indictment has been returned in the Galindez case.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Authorities have discovered a new racket in the sale of arms to Latin American and other rebels. The people involved in these sales are said to be located near Newark, New Jersey. Federal agents know that some of these men collect twice. Once when they sell the guns and again when they report the buyers to American Customs. That is in return for a bounty. They are strangely and oddly enough legitimate when they report these people to Customs. A lucrative but very unhealthy business."

COMMENT:

This is a Customs matter. We have furnished the Bureau of Customs any information received concerning gun smuggling.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The port authorities throughout the U.S. are now due for Congressional investigation. They are richer and more powerful than many states."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

^{FELIX} "Washington - the Department of Justice has heard rumors that high court judge ^{DL} Frankfurter may retire. He may be succeeded by Judge Stanley Fuld of the New York Court of Appeals."

COMMENT:

No request for investigation of Fuld has been received.

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Re: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
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WINCHELL SAID:

"To all editors - citizens who want to help combat juvenile crime in their own community can get some excellent assistance on how to do it. Just write to Mr. John Edgar Hoover of the FBI, Washington, D. C. He will be glad to help you."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 15, 1958

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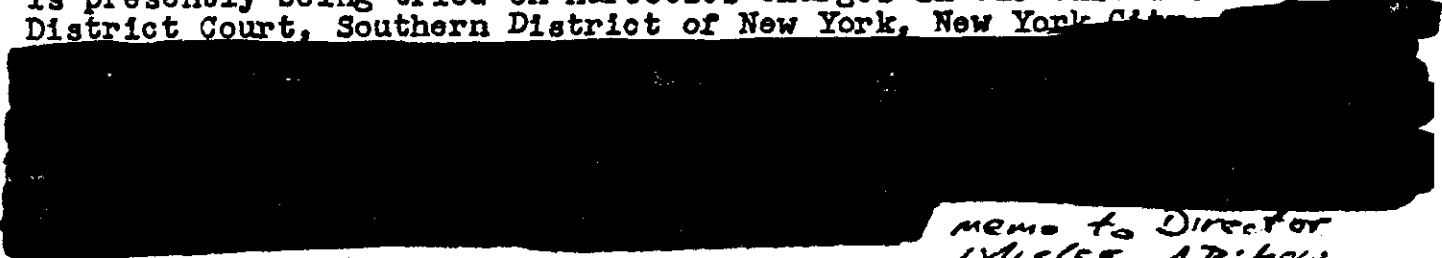
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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City - the sudden halt of the Vito Genovese trial following a charge made by a counsel for the defense that a Government agent had gone to the underworld figure's home in New Jersey and tried to trap him into certain admissions. The secret hearing will be held next week."

COMMENT:

Vito Genovese, reputed boss of a nation-wide narcotic ring, is presently being tried on narcotics charges in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City.



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WINCHELL SAID:

"The Socialist Workers Party declared subversive by the United States Attorney General has now joined the smear attack against G-man John Edgar Hoover and the FBI."

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The New York Division by communication dated December 8, 1958, forwarded the December 8th issue of "The Militant," the official weekly publication of the Socialist Workers Party. This issue contained an article by Henry Gitano, also known as Henry Spiro, who is a member of the Socialist Workers Party. The article is very critical of the Bureau and is entitled "J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Thought-Police." The opening paragraph states that the true role of the FBI is to insure the witch hunt. The December 8, 1958, issue of "The Militant" indicates that the article is the first of a series but gives no indication of the number of the series or when they will be published. The New York Division is following this matter.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York Journal American" - William Z. Foster, the Number One communist, is trying to get the Smith Act indictment dismissed so he can visit Russia."

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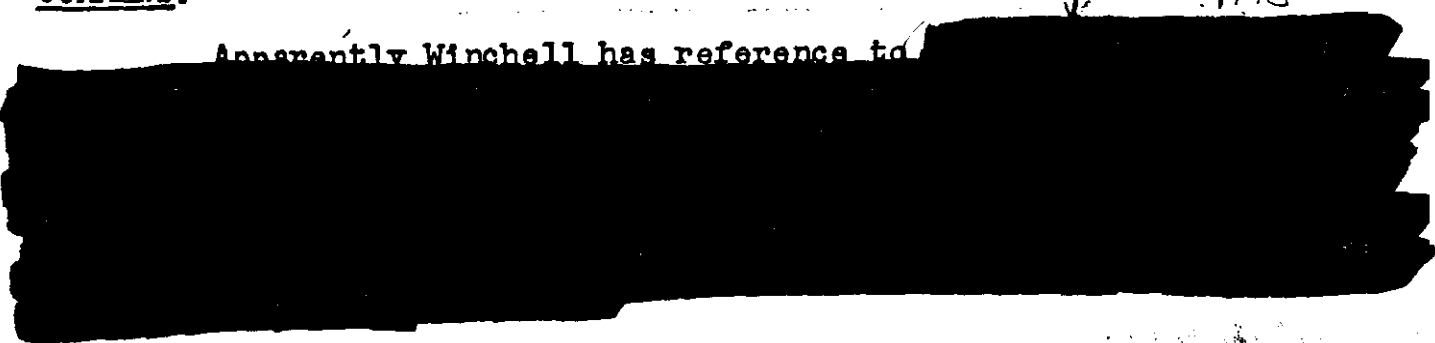
The New York Division by airtel dated November 21, 1958, advised that Foster had contacted his attorney John Abt on November 19, 1958, in regard to having his indictment dismissed. Foster desires to visit Russia for medical treatment and felt that the indictment would hinder his obtaining a passport. Foster is chairman emeritus of the Communist Party of the United States and is presently under a 1948 indictment in the Southern District of New York for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act and for violating the Communist Party membership provision of the Smith Act. He was never tried because of ill health.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The top communist in the Nation's Capitol and State of Maryland has secured employment. He secured it recently in exclusive Chevy Chase near Washington, D. C."

COMMENT:

Apparently Winchell has reference to



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: December 22, 1958

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 2 - Mr. Jahn

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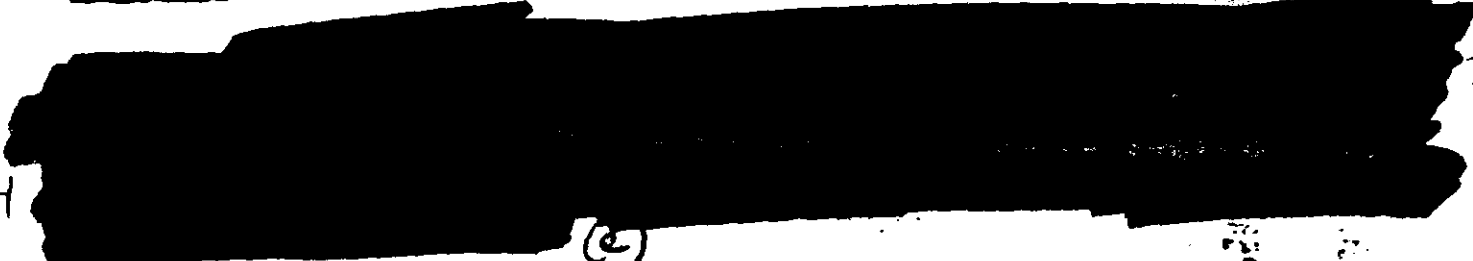
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DECEMBER 21, 1958

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Detroit, Michigan - Top Michigan Reds will hold a secret meeting in Detroit on the 29th."

COMMENT:



WINCHELL SAID:

"Santiago, Chile - Reds throughout South America have been ordered to fight Venezuelan President Betancourt, the newly elected democratic leader. South America is slated for the most turbulent years since Bolivar." *one*

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Hong Kong - the inside story of General Mao is this, he is desperately ill not diplomatically. There are reports in the United States that he has stomach cancer. The man behind the scenes calling all the shots is now Red Chief Liu Shao-chi."

COMMENT:

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Liu Shao-chi is the chairman, National People's Congress of Red China.

WINCHELL SAID: 53 DEC 31 1958

"Washington - Ladies and gentlemen, this is the low down for Russian Chief Mikoyan's visit to the capital. All the papers I have read said nobody knew why he was coming here. Mikoyan hopes to set up a great international deal with us on chemicals."

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
DECEMBER 21, 1958

Given credit, the communists claim they can produce chemicals at one third our price."

COMMENT:

Anastas I. Mikoyan is the Deputy Premier of Russia and recently the press has speculated as to the purpose of his forthcoming visit to the United States.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Rio - Brazilian intelligence has nailed a top Red Chinese intelligence agent loaded with important coded messages. He was landing, get this, not from Peiping but from the United States."

COMMENT:

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 29, 1958

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *Jan*

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pink SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
DECEMBER 28, 1958

WINCHELL SAID:

Revolution

"Havana, ~~Cuba~~ President Eisenhower may be urged to step in and stop the blood bath now threatening Cuba. Rebel leader Castro now boasts that the fall of Havana is near. He says his troops are already in Havana hiding with friends, awaiting his signal to storm that city."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - Famous American's birthday, John Edgar Hoover, He will be 64 New Years Day. He has been Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 34 years." *sc*

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COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Activities

"Washington - Terrific fights will usher in the next session of Congress. The chief brawl will be in civil rights, with liberal Northerners demanding heavy sanctions, mostly economic, against areas refusing to abide by the rulings of the United States highest court. Another fight will be on the budget, with the administration calling the Democrats spendthrifts, and the Democrats accusing the administration of sacrificing national defense."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : A. H. BELLONT *AH/*

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- 1 - Donahoe
- 2 - Mullins

DATE: January 5, 1959

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 4, 1959

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WINCHELL SAID:

"To the 'Cleveland News' - Three white horses and a Troika - that's a Russian chariot - will arrive from Moscow tomorrow for Cyrus Eaton, critic of the FBI, at a dock in New York. The sender is Mr. Krushchev. The gift will be shipped to Mr. Eaton's farm near Cleveland."

COMMENT:

Shortly prior to his broadcast, Mr. Winchell informed SAC Teague, Miami, that he planned to use above item on broadcast if his lawyers would permit and wanted to call it to the Director's attention. Winchell said his source was a teletype to Mutual Broadcasting System from a section manager of Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. The Director was informed of Winchell's call by Assistant Director Belmont on evening of 1/4/59. Bureau was previously furnished data concerning the gift, and press has carried items about it.

WINCHELL SAID:

"A terrific intelligence war has broken out between Nasser and Moscow. The Russians this week publicly announced the forming of two official Communist Parties in two countries. - Syria and Lebanon. This means the United States Marines may soon be back there."

COMMENT:

January 2, 1959, press reports indicate Nasser had more than 100 communist leaders arrested on 1/1/59 in Cairo, Alexandria, and other key Egyptian and Syrian cities.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The big scandal in the Capital tonight involves a former United States Senator, a Congressman's girl secretary and her husband to be. It reached the point where the young man ~~was to~~ kill the lecherous Senator."

COMMENT:

your information. Personalities involved are not known.

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 4, 1959

WINCHELL SAID:

"Miami - Batista and his friends reportedly fled with over \$600,000,000. His henchmen had already shipped \$640,000,000. They took another 160 million at the last minute - I presume for travelling expenses."

COMMENT:

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January 2, 1959, press reports quoted Fidel ^{Cuba} Castro as stating ~~Batista~~ and his lieutenants took about \$300,000,000 when they fled Cuba.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 1-12-59

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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- 2 - Mullins

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 11, 1959

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Winchell Said:

"Brooklyn - The FBI and the police are still without a lead in the search for the missing baby, Lisa Rose. They now suspect revenge motives."

Comments:

New York teletype 1-12-59 advised the missing baby, Lisa Rose Ghionchio, was located on 1-11-59, alive and well, and that the father has positively identified her.

Winchell Said:

"Miami - G-Man John Edgar Hoover just turned down another offer to spearhead the racing group's new outfit. The salary - \$100,000 for ten years - that's a million dollars."

Comments:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Cleveland - Red leader Mikoyan's host in Cleveland, industrialist Cyrus Eaton, may be rewarded. Insiders say Mr. Eaton, violent critic of the FBI, will eventually get an award from Russia for helping world peace."

Comments:

We have previously received information indicating Eaton is agitating for a peace award for himself.

Winchell Said:

"South Bend, Indiana, may be the scene for supposedly secret sessions of classes in communism starting February 8. This is to let all concerned know that their plans are not very secret."

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Memorandum A. H. Belmont to Mr. Tolson
Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
January 11, 1959

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : A. H. Belmont ^{2/16/59}

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 18, 1959

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Winchell Said:

"Washington/- Our Government will not interfere in Cuba. Washington knows Mr. Castro will not risk losing our revenue for his Cuban sugar. If he did that he would have a problem of what to use for money."

Fidel

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Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"A Cuban plane carrying a special message for Walter Winchell from Fidel Castro is 36 minutes late. I don't see how they can get it to me before I go off the air. I will turn it over to the Mutual news desk at any rate."

Comment:

Mutual Broadcasting System later on evening of January 18, 1959, carried summary of the message, a tape recording by Castro. He invited foreign news correspondents and U. S. Government officials to witness his handling of Batista followers.

Winchell Said:

"Washington - The President is expected to appoint James Durfee to the Federal bench. Mr. Durfee is now chairman of the CAB."

Comment:

At the request of the White House, we conducted an investigation of Durfee in 1956 which was favorable. A further memorandum is being prepared summarizing available information concerning Durfee.

Winchell Said:

"Washington Post - The G-Men have investigated 570 kidnappings - only two remain unsolved."

Comment:

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: 1-26-59

FROM : A. H. Belmont *ABM*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Nease
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
JANUARY 25, 1959

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 2 - Mr. Mullins

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Winchell Said:

"New York City - The police expect a big break in the second baby kidnaping case, perhaps within the hour - provided the tip by telephone doesn't prove a phony."

Comment:

New York Office advised New York City Police Department (NYCPD) received telephone call at approximately 5 p.m. 1-25-59 from individual who gave name and Bronx address and said he would return baby if \$500 reward was brought to the Bronx address. NYCPD determined caller unknown at address and nothing pertinent developed there.

Winchell Said:

"Washington - A Federal Grand Jury is investigating a new spy case - the overtones will feature Soviet agents in New York City."

Comment:

USA, SDNY, has indicated he will present additional evidence to Grand Jury in Mocase but no definite date has been set for presentation.

Winchell Said:

"New York City - The National Committee of the Communist Party will hold a secret meeting - I said secret - in New York City next weekend."

Comment:



Winchell Said:

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"Monterrey, Mexico - This city is almost in a state of siege, paralyzed by a railroad strike said to be communist inspired."

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Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
January 25, 1959

Comment:

In addition to local transportation strikes already in progress, a general strike of the railroad industry throughout Mexico is scheduled for 2-25-59. The leader of the railroad union who is calling the general strike is also a ranking official of a communist splinter group.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: February 2, 1959

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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- 1 - Mr. Nease
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 2 - Mr. O'Connor

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- W.C. Sullivan _____

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 1, 1959

Winchell Said:

Cuban Revolutionary Activities

"Havana - The top rumor tonight in Cuba is that a plot to overthrow Castro is gaining strong support from various rebel factions. If Castro is overthrown, the next president will be Prio Socarras."

Comment:

We disseminated on 1-30-59 to State and the Department information that intelligence forces of the Cuban Government had uncovered a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro. Further, the new Cuban Government is most wary of former Cuban President Cardos Prio Socarras and he is being watched closely.

Winchell Said:

"Stockholm - Khrushchev will expell Molotov, Malenkov, and Kaganovich from the Communist Party.. They will be barred from holding any office. Spared the firing squad, they will be sentenced to house arrest for the rest of their lives."

Comment:

Essentially the same information appeared in the 2-1-59 edition of "Washington Post and Times Herald."

Winchell Said:

"Washington - Big labor expects Congress to pass a labor regulation act. I am told that responsible intelligent labor leaders want one. Hoffa is a terrible headache and embarrassment to them all."

Comment:

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

"Inside the U. S. Communist Party - Red leaders in New York are trying to keep the following secret--they had a meeting with two United States Senators early in January--they tried to get these Senators to dismiss the indictment against William Z. Foster, the head of the American Communist Party."

Comment:

We advised the Attorney General by letter 1-22-59 that Arnold Johnson, secretary of public affairs, Communist Party, USA, had contacted Senators Stephen M. Young (D.-Ohio) and William Langer (R.-North Dakota), relative to Foster. Langer, in Johnson's presence, allegedly dictated a letter to the Attorney General requesting the Foster indictment be dismissed.

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Winchell Said:

(Inside the U. S. Communist Party - continued) "A super secret meeting of communist labor experts is going on right now in Chicago--it started yesterday--it will end sometime late tonight."

Comment:

This apparently refers to a meeting of the Party's National Steel Commission. [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 9, 1959

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 8, 1959

Winchell Said:

"Mr. ^{Fidel} Castro is expected to invade Nicaragua - tentative invasion date is February 17th. He will invade by way of Costa Rica. Rich Venezuelans provided him with the arms. This explains Castro's visit to Caracas." Sullivan

Comment:

Press reports indicate Castro has declared that dictators in Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Paraguay must be prepared to join Batista in exile and that further governments of those countries have expressed fears that Castro might launch expeditions against them. We have received no information indicating Castro's alleged plans for invasion of any country have crystallized.

Winchell Said:

"Standing room only is expected in Judge ^{N.Y. Human} Bushell's court tomorrow morning for the case of very attractive school teacher Virginia McManus, who has been arrested again for being very naughty." li

Comment:

Washington "Daily News" for 2-7-59, page 3, reflected McManus was arrested in the nude by New York City police who alleged McManus and Mrs. Beatrice Garfield, a convicted madam, were part of a call girl ring operating in the \$50-100 per night bracket. McManus had been previously arrested in 1958 as a prostitute and was formerly a New York school teacher. Virginia

We have received no information indicating this case involves a Federal violation.

Winchell Said:

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"Caracas - The Mexico-Guatemala crisis is on the verge of explosion. Exiles from Guatemala are forming an army in Mexico near the Guatemalan border. They will attempt to duplicate Cuban revolution." CRS 1959

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WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Comment:

This crisis developed on 12-31-58 when Guatemalan planes strafed Mexican fishing boats, killing three Mexicans. As Guatemala refused to apologize, Mexico broke off diplomatic relations and has admitted re-enforcing its troops along the Guatemalan border. We have received no information indicating Guatemalan exiles have formed an army in Mexico for action against Guatemala.

Winchell Said:

"Havana - Fidel Castro informed Washington this week that the American ambassador is no longer the uncrowned king of Cuba. Mr. Castro plans suing American banks for 285 million dollars taken out of Cuba - he says - by the Batista crowd."

Comment:

Press reports indicate that Batista and his associates who escaped from Cuba fled with cash and securities in amounts ranging from 200 to 300 million dollars. We have not received any information indicating Castro has initiated legal action against American banks to recover any of the above amounts, which may be actually deposited in such banks.

Winchell Said:

"Washington - The House Un-American Activities Committee will hold new hearings on the moving picture industry because of the recent announcement that communists will not be barred from receiving 'Oscars.'"

Comment:

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 1-20-59 recommended and the Director approved that the House Committee on Un-American Activities be alerted concerning possible renewed Communist Party activity in the film industry inasmuch as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences had repealed the restriction banning communist and Fifth Amendment witnesses from receiving "Oscars."

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

"'New York Times' - The Nevada Gambling Board revealed the amazing profits in Las Vegas - over 85 million dollars in 1958. However, five big Vegas hotels lost money last year."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"'Washington Post' - starting tomorrow, a full time lobbyist will be in the capital for at least 60 days. His job is to get Senators and Congressmen to free Morton Sobell, who is serving 30 years for red-spying."

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Comment:

We previously received similar information which was disseminated by letter 2-4-59 to the intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces and the Department. The individual referred to is

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 16, 1959

FROM : A. H. Belmont *ahb*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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Winchell Said:

"Havana - The gambling casinos in the smarter hotels are expected to reopen in the next five days - only for tourists."

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell Said:

"Panama - Former President Arbenz of Guatemala is allegedly a red agent and enemy of the United States. He is now reported in Mexico on the Guatemalan border readying an invasion. He was ousted several years ago and fled to Switzerland."

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Comment:

Arbenz was president of Guatemala until 1954 when his administration was overthrown by Colonel Castillo Armas. Arbenz' government was reportedly communist infiltrated. We have received no information as to Arbenz' involvement in the present Mexican-Guatemalan border dispute.

Winchell Said:

"Newark, New Jersey - The Communist Party of New Jersey held a big secret meeting in Newark on February 1. It was announced then that the Party newspaper, the "Daily Worker," is now being published in Havana. Cuban comrades pledged \$150,000 to keep it going."

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 2 - Mr. O'Connor

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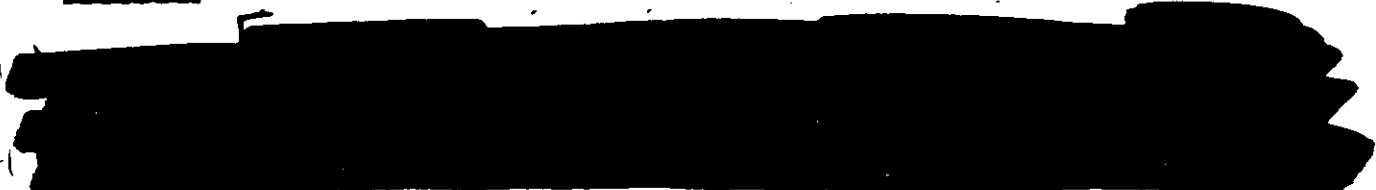
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Comment:



(c) "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958. Winchell's reference to the "Daily Worker" is believed to concern the newspaper "Hoy," published in Havana by the Popular Socialist Party, which is the Communist Party of Cuba. Before being forced into the underground by Batista forces, "Hoy" had the second largest circulation of any newspaper in that country. *z*

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 24, 1959

FROM : A. H. Belmont

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 2 - Mr. O'Connor

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 22, 1959

Winchell Said:

"Havana - The reopening of the gambling casinos and other Cuban maneuvers have helped the Cuban peso go up - now 80 per cent par value against the U. S. dollar."

Comment:

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Winchell Said:

"Washington - Governor Dewey has told friends that he was sounded out but will not accept the appointment of Secretary of State."

Comment:

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Winchell Said:

"The State Department and the Department of Justice are carefully watching some of Mr. Castro's American advisors. In case some of them never heard of the Logan Act - it is a crime for any American to negotiate with a foreign government for policies inconsistent with those of our Government."

Comment:

referred to by Winchell

The identities of the so-called American advisors to Fidel Castro are not known in this instance. By letter dated 2-19-59 captioned [redacted] Internal Security - Cuba; Registration Act" we requested the Internal Security Division of the Department to advise whether any violations of Federal statutes exist in cases involving American citizens who fought for Castro; who presently serve in Cuban Armed Forces; who are presently employed in a civilian capacity in Cuba by the present Cuban Government. We do have Registration Act cases on several individuals falling generally in this category.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

"New York City - A man named Dr. Ferdinand Durcansky, a convicted war criminal is in New York on a visitor's visa ostensibly to make a speech on March 15 at the Waldorf commemorating the establishment of the so-called Independent Slovak State which was a Nazi puppet. The Truman administration turned this man down twice. Congress, however, may do something about his visa this week. The Department of Justice should, I think, read the proceedings of the Trial of Major War Criminals, Volume III, pages 146 to 149. Who granted Durcansky his visa and why is he allowed to stay?"

Germany
Czech

Comment:

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We have never investigated this individual; however, Bufiles reflect Durcansky was former Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1939-41 in the Tiso Government in Czechoslovakia, a puppet government set up after Nazi occupation of that country. Durcansky organized the "Slovak Action Committee" which advocated the return to the independent autonomous state of Slovakia. (62-85425; 100-354851-91 40-83378-9) We have no information re his current visit.

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Winchell Said:

"New York Mirror" - The next secret meeting of top reds will be held in New York City on March 3rd, probably where they held their last one on February 10th on West 26th Street."

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TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : A. H. Belmont

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Branigan
 1 - Mr. Donahoe
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 2 - Mr. Martin.

DATE: March 9, 1959

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
MARCH 8, 1959

Winchell Said:

Fidel Castro will arrive in Washington on April 17th.

Comment:

Press reports have disclosed that Castro plans to visit the United States on April 17, 1959, but State Department had no official cognizance of it as of March 6, 1959.

Winchell Said:

Senator Dodd of Connecticut will introduce a bill in Congress this week curtailing the power of the highest court regarding cases aimed at internal security.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

The next big secret meeting of the full national executive committee of the Communist Party will be held in New York on the 21st.

Comment:

We are aware that this executive committee meeting will be held in New York City on March 21-22, 1959, and it will be appropriately covered.

Winchell Said:

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Senator Fullbright, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has held up the nomination of Ogden Reid as Ambassador to Israel. Reid is former publisher of the "New York Herald Tribune." The nomination has been on the President's desk for the last 6 weeks.

Comment:

For your information.

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Memorandum to Mr. [redacted] son
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

Havana - Respectable opinion believes that Dictator Trujillo's regime will collapse in the Dominican Republic the way Batista's did if a strong invasion force lands. Castro wants to send one. Castro is backing a group led by Reds. President Betancourt of Venezuela and former President Figueres of Costa Rica are urging Castro not to assist the "commies" but to stick with the democratic enemies of Trujillo. There are also persistent reports that Castro faces division in his own command.

Comment:

Latest reports from [redacted] are to the effect that a communist-inspired attack against the Dominican Republic will take place April 7, 1959. We are running this out.

Winchell Said:

Hong Kong - The grapevine along the Chinese waterfront is the source of this report - that Peiping is preparing a military action when the Berlin crisis reaches a peak to pin down American forces in the Far East.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Berlin - The Russians will not back down on Berlin. Khrushchev will risk a shooting war. His present plan is to sign a treaty with East Germany for announcement on May Day. Then, if East German Reds blockade our convoys, the fight will be on.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Halifax, Nova Scotia - This is said to be the low-down on the broken Atlantic cable. Officially the Red trawler cut the cable. It was instantly detected. They proceeded to cut the cable four more times. There is considerable unofficial suspicion that the Red trawler didn't cut the cable at all but acted as a cover for a Red submarine that actually did the dirty work.

Comment:

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Memorandum to Mr. [redacted] son
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

Time Magazine's "amazing boner" in publishing a rumor that a United States Embassy official made a statement concerning the partition of Bolivia may cost Mrs. Luce, wife of "Time" publisher, Henry Luce, her job as Ambassador to Brazil. The White House hasn't yet decided whether it should withdraw her nomination before sending it to the Senate.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 2, 1959

FROM : A. H. Belmont

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
MARCH 1, 1959

Winchell Said:

New York City Commissioner of Police may resign if his reform program doesn't go through.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell Said:

The Department of Justice plans an investigation of several diplomatic executives - people who had meetings with Mikoyan on his recent visit. The Government has reports that something more serious than diplomacy was discussed.

Comment:

The Department of Justice did receive nonspecific inquiries concerning the possibility that some public relations firm or firms had made arrangements for Mikoyan's recent visit. These were referred to the Bureau for investigation under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. The Washington Field Office made inquiries among State Department personnel who travelled with Mikoyan and who would usually know of any such arrangements. It was determined that no United States public relations firms were involved and that the Soviet Embassy had made all arrangements with the exception of some arrangements made by Cyrus Eaton in Cleveland, Ohio, and by Robert Dowling (President of the City Investment Company, New York City) in New York. Press accounts also disclosed that the Soviets themselves had made the necessary arrangements. In view of the nonspecific allegations the Justice Department was advised the Bureau was taking no further action.

Winchell Said:

The Pope may fly to the United States sometime in 1959.

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

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Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Suez - Red fighter planes are reported arriving at secret desert bases within striking distance of the Red Sea.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

A quiet but very active reign of terror has been stepped up in the Dominican Republic whose dictator has been sending great sums of money abroad for safekeeping - over \$400,000,000 to Europe alone.

Comment:

As an aftermath of the successful Cuban rebellion, exiled Dominican groups have reportedly been organizing for an attempt against the Dominican dictatorship, and Trujillo may be anticipating a need for hasty flight if an attack occurs.

Winchell Said:

The Democrats will open an attack on Defense Secretary McElroy, blaming him for the nation's unpreparedness.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

The big rumor in Washington is that Senator Symington and Senator Johnson have made a deal. If the 1960 convention is deadlocked, Symington will vote for Johnson if Symington hasn't made it.

Comment:

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

The State Department expects a lot of trouble - shooting trouble - in Guatemala, Panama and Haiti. The Haiti situation, first tipped by me several weeks ago, is the most serious.

Comments:

Intelligence reports have indicated the Haitian Government is in a precarious economic condition and has rapidly been losing popular support. It is generally expected to be the next trouble spot in Latin America. There is also unrest in Guatemala and Panama.

Winchell Said:

One of the most outspoken enemies of corruption in the Teamsters' Union is being investigated by the Justice Department for embezzlement of union funds.

Comment:

The Bureau does not have jurisdiction over investigation of embezzlement of union funds, as such. Internal Revenue Service has been investigating union officials for income tax violations which would include failure to report income received as the result of embezzlement.

Winchell Said:

The NATO nations believe both United States and Russia have started mobilization. So far as Washington is concerned this is not true. It is true that American forces in the field are now on battle alert. The Reds never demobilized and have been on a war footing since 1945. The President is being urged to declare a national emergency. This would mean calling up the reserves. The Army Chief of Staff told the Senate we can hold Berlin if we mobilize in time. We have 90 days to call the first fighting class, 21 to 32, to the colors. The Reds say they intend to smash into Berlin by June 1. This week the President told you we will not yield one inch. Prime Minister Macmillan told Khrushchev this week that if Russia uses force, Britain would accept battle. All commonwealth countries will stand by Macmillan except for Nehru. Nehru is expected to offer a compromise - that Berlin remain as it is but that Germany be denied atomic weapons. The Red high command is terrified at the thought of an atomic arsenal in the hands of Germany.

Comment:

Press reports on 3-1-59 indicated that as Russia's deadline

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(5-27-59) for abandonment of its occupation role in East Berlin approaches, U.S. forces will be put in a fully alert status.

Winchell Said:

There is an axiom in U.S. intelligence that goes like this: once is an accident; twice is a coincidence; three times means enemy action in time of war.... If the Atlantic cable was cut by the Russians it was an act of war.... Red planes reported along the Red Sea, trouble in Panama, both fall into the same plan of striking at communications. In Washington this week, top intelligence people said that Russian submarines in the Atlantic have been testing radio interference on our rockets being shot from bases on the Florida Coast.

Comment:

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
MARCH 15, 1959

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 2 - Mr. Martin

DATE: March 16, 1959

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Winchell Said:

Hanover, Germany - Chancellor Adenauer made a statement today that, "there will be no war this time either." The doctrine is not shared, however, by many American and British statesmen.

Comment:

For you information.

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Winchell Said:

Havana - Despite denials by Mr. Castro a liberation army is being organized to invade the Dominican Republic. Plans for the landing have been delayed by differences. Venezuela opposes Castro's cooperation with Dominican Reds.

Comment:

Dominican and Haitian exiles are known to be concentrating in Cuba, augmented by Cuban, Nicaraguan and other Latin American revolutionaries. Numerous reports have been received from other intelligence agencies as to possible invasion attempts from Cuba against Dominican Republic and/or Haiti. We are conducting intensive investigation regarding all United States angles.

Winchell Said:

Santiago, Cuba - About 25 young men have been arrested and charged with intent to seize arms and yachts for an expedition to the Dominican Republic. Winchell remarked this information had just come in.

Comment:

Bureau has not received any information concerning this alleged incident.

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Memorandum to Mr. [redacted]
RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

Winchell Said:

Moscow - Russia now fears estrangement with Mr. Nasser. It is sending the Peiping foreign minister to Cairo to do two things: one, to patch up relations with Cairo; second, to arrange a visit to Egypt by Mr. Khrushchev.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

The chances of Congress giving Poland's Mr. Gomulka any help are now very dim. Washington has learned that Gomulka's attack on the United States last March 10 was dictated by Russia's Khrushchev.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Havana - Castro's troubles are starting. An underground movement against him is spreading. The new rebels have connections inside Castro's top ranks. Communists now control 25 out of 29 labor groups in Cuba. I have been told not to be surprised if the Castro government is completely overthrown within the next 6 weeks.

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We have received information that dissatisfaction with the Castro government is mounting. On [redacted] learned from [redacted] that in his opinion the Castro government will be overthrown by the end of March, 1959. On [redacted] told [redacted] the communist problem in Cuba is very bad; that intelligent people of Cuba had been dismissed from the Government or had fled; and that the peasants were trying to run the Government which situation is the best breeding ground for communists.

Winchell Said:

The number one trust buster, Victor R. Hansen, will quit next month. His successor will be Robert A. Bicks, his present assistant.

Comment:

We had no prior knowledge that Assistant Attorney General Vance

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

planned to resign. Bicks is, of course, his first assistant. He was subject of a Departmental applicant investigation in 1953, and nothing Winchell Said: derogatory was developed.

Exiled dictator Batista is reported offering \$1,000,000 to Prince ~~Renier~~ for sanctuary in Monaco.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Inside the U. S. Communist Party. Top reds over here made another demand on the U. S. Attorney General that the Smith Act indictment against William Z. Foster be dismissed and that red chief Foster be allowed to visit Russia.

Comment:

Foster and his attorneys have been attempting to do this for some time and the most recent attempt was in the form of a letter to the Attorney General from Mary Kaufman, one of his attorneys, on 2/28/59 in which she requested him either to order dismissal of the indictments against Foster or, in the alternative, to consent to allow him to travel to the Soviet Union to obtain medical care and treatment. We have and will continue to keep the Attorney General advised of Foster's efforts along this line.

Winchell Said:

March 28 is the date for a secret meeting between the Red leaders and procommunist youth.

Comment:

In connection with the Party's efforts to establish a youth organization, they have announced plans to hold a meeting of communist and procommunist youth in New York City on 3/28/59. We will have appropriate coverage.

Winchell Said:

Communist Party leaders from many states are now converging on Detroit, Michigan, for a secret gathering that will continue until the 22nd.

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Comment:

A school in Marxist training began in Detroit on 3/7/59. It is being run by the Party's Michigan District and Party members from other states are attending it. One of our live informants is attending it.

Winchell Said:

The next big upstate conference of the Reds will be held next Sunday in Ithaca, New York.

Comment:

A New York State upstate conference of Communist Party (CP) leaders is scheduled to be held in Ithaca on 3/22/59. We are aware of efforts by the CP in upstate New York to revitalize the Party in that area, and this meeting is one of those being held to further those aims. We will have live informant coverage.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

1 - Belmont
1 - DeLoach DATE: March 23, 1959
1 - Branigan

FROM : A. H. Belmont

1 - Donahoe
1 - Baumgardner
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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
MARCH 22, 1959

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Winchell Said:

Guatemala City - Submarines, not ours, are reportedly in the Caribbean. They are suspected of supplying arms to Guatemalan rebels.

Comments:

On 3-19-59 we received information from [redacted] there has been an increase in the number of unidentified submarines (presumably Russian) in the Caribbean area. This was disseminated to all interested agencies and the Department on 3-20-59 and Navy Department was requested to advise us promptly of any corroboration of this.

Winchell Said:

Washington - The Haiti Government is not expected to last another eight weeks.

Comments:

We have received reports indicating the present Haitian Government is experiencing difficulty and that opposition leaders in Haiti and abroad have joined forces to present a united front against the present regime.

Winchell Said:

Atlantic Coast - Some of the "radar ships" picked up in the hunt for Red submarines were not Red subs. They were dope runners operating from a friendly nation - not Cuba.

Comment:

For your information. We have had no prior information concerning any such statements.

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Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
March 22, 1959

Winchell Said:

Mr. Tito has quietly massed his mobile reserves on the northern frontier. It is within significant distance of the Red Army's line of communications.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Dominican Republic - Dictator Trujillo has ordered 1,000 paratrooper-type machine guns for his planned invasion of Cuba. This army is being trained by two former German officers. It has over 10,000 men.

Comment:

We know Trujillo has been ordering arms and revamping his armed forces. We have received no information that he planned to invade Cuba although there have been reports that Castro might attack the Dominican Republic.

Winchell Said:

American Red leaders now privately admit the following to comrades over here-that in the next ten years the Soviet Union has no chance of surpassing the United States in over-all production.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

Ogden Reid, the former newspaper publisher in New York, will be confirmed as Ambassador to Israel, but insiders tell me he will receive rough handling before the confirmation. Admiral Straus will get the same tough treatment. He is up for Secretary of Commerce.

Comment:

For your information.

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Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
March 22, 1959

Winchell Said:

The odds are now five to one that Governor Herter succeeds Mr. Dulles.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

The FBI has started an intensive inquiry into the ladies garment industry in the New York area. Some top hoodlums may be involved.

Comment:

A grand jury was empaneled in the Southern District of New York by the Antitrust Division to look into the garment industry. On 3-11-59 this grand jury indicted Local 25 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, three associations of manufacturers of ladies garments and five individuals, including Harry Strasser, a reported hoodlum previously convicted for a Federal narcotics violation. They were indicted for fixing prices in violation of Antitrust laws. The Department is currently studying information obtained during the grand jury hearings and from investigation by the Bureau looking toward possible prosecutions under the Antiracketeering Statutes. Specific investigation requested by the Antitrust Division has been completed and the Bureau has received no requests for additional investigation since 3-11-59.

Winchell Said:

Havana - The April issue of "Coronet" magazine has a big scoop - the name of the woman behind Fidel Castro. "Coronet" says she is Haydee Santamaria DeHart, known to all Cubans as Maria. That magazine also alleges that she masterminded the revolution, that Maria handpicked Castro as the rebellion chief. Today this woman, without portfolio, is still a tremendous power in the new Government.

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Comment:

Bureau investigation of DeHart disclosed that in 1956 she was one of the leaders in Cuba of the July 26 Movement of Fidel Castro. In 1958 she was reported to be the wife of Armando Hart, another rebel leader who was imprisoned in 1957. She was in the Sierra Maestra Mountains in Cuba with Castro. In September, 1958, she was described as a top person in the July 26 Movement in Miami, responsible for financial expenditures for Castro and in charge of most of the July 26 underground operations in Miami. In interview with Bureau agents in October, 1958, she said she had nothing to do with military aspects of the July 26 Movement, but was a member of the Political Section. Four receipts for the payment of a total of \$361,039.97 in "taxes" to the July 26 Movement by four sugar companies in 1958 bore the signature of Haydee Santamaria. On 1-3-59 she reportedly left United States for Cuba and her presence in Cuba was later verified. The information concerning her has been disseminated to Department and all interested agencies.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 30, 1959

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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- 1 - Donahoe
- 1 - Baumgardner
- 1 - Rosen
- 2 - Martin

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- DeLoach
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- W.C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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Winchell Said:

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Havana - Cuban Reds have organized a Latin-American Soviet friendship society with Mr. Castro's consent. Castro keeps calling himself a liberal but the liberal chiefs of Venezuela and Costa Rica have differed very sharply with him. They say Castro is too pink for them.

Comment:

The USSR Association for Friendship and Cultural Cooperation with the countries of Latin America was organized in Moscow on 1-22-59 with the Soviet composer, Khachaturian, as president.

Winchell Said:

New York City - A big money scandal in Saudi Arabian circles over here is being kept very hush-hush. Many thousands of dollars reportedly are missing. They are looking for one of their number who has also vanished leaving no trace.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell Said:

The communists have tried to turn the conference on unemployment set for the eighth of April into a mass demonstration meaning trouble. Labor leaders of all the big unions may lose their tempers.

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Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
March 29, 1959

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Comment:

Ever since this AFL-CIO unemployment rally at the National Guard Armory, Washington, on 4-8-59, was announced, the Communist Party press has indicated much interest in it. An article in the "Washington Star" on 3-28-59 reported that AFL-CIO leaders are taking extraordinary precautions to keep communists out of the conference.

Winchell Said:

Red leaders over here now privately agree that use of the Fifth Amendment by comrades has become very unpopular and carries an implication of guilt. They will henceforth frame their answers to fit the questions without giving in or furnishing too much information.

Comment:

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Winchell Said:

Investigating committees are curious to know the security leak that gave "The New York Times" man, Hanson Baldwin, the scoop about Argus and the three atomic explosions in the upper atmosphere.

Comment:

The Department of Defense has been quite upset over the leak of this information, as well as similar leaks in the past, and inquiries are being conducted concerning them within the various Departments. The Bureau is taking no action concerning it.

Winchell Said:

"Miami Herald" - Robert ~~Kareff~~ Kareff is now more than ever convinced that nobody in Florida wants to solve the murder of his son, Arthur. His reward of \$50,000 stands. The FBI, by the way, is looking for an ex-convict in this case. His initials are M. R. He is believed to be in Cuba.

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March 29, 1959

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Comments:

Arthur R. Karoff was shot and killed on 12-19-57 and the case has never been solved by local authorities. M. R. is possibly [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] Bureau is conducting no investigation of the Karoff case or [redacted] has contacted the Bureau and Walter Winchell on a number of occasions and we have advised him of our lack of jurisdiction [redacted] On 1-29-59 [redacted] inquired whether we were looking for [redacted] in connection with the murder at the request of the Miami, Florida, police; he was advised that a stop had been placed on [redacted] by the Miami Department of Public Safety but that no active investigation was being conducted to locate him. [redacted] has a criminal record going back to 1937 for assault, robbery, burglary and narcotics violations.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: 4-6-59

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
April 5, 1959

Winchell said:

Athens: Fighting has broken out on the Greek-Albanian border. There is heavy patrol action and many casualties on both sides.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell said:

In great desperation Nasser may block the Mid-East pipeline crossing Syria. The Arab League meeting at Cairo was a complete flop. - Three of the strongest allies did not even appear. Nasser is more discredited than at any time since the Israeli Army cut through his brigade.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell said:

Hong Kong: Thousands of Tibetan peasants are being transported to Red China in handcuffs headed for forced labor camps. The Far East is on edge awaiting action by the West.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

Washington, D.C.: The State Department has a long and secret list of Red diplomats expelled from South American countries in the past year. There is no question that the Reds have opened a full attack on Latin America and with success that will be startling within the next year.

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Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
April 5, 1959

Comment:

There is no indication that such a list exists. When a representative of one of the communist countries is expelled from any Western country, wide-spread publicity arises such as the recent happening in Mexico when two Russian military attaches were expelled for encouraging and agitating in the Mexican railroad strike.

Winchell said:

"Philadelphia Enquirer" - The Philadelphia communists will hold a so-called forum on April 17 in a downtown hotel. They do not suspect some of us know about their part in it.

Comment:



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Winchell said:

Washington has about thrown up its hands about Castro. In spite of pious denials, Castro is playing ball with the commies by pretending he doesn't know what is going on, but he does.

Comment:

We have received numerous allegations that the Castro Regime in Cuba is a fertile breeding ground for the communists and their sympathizers

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Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast
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Winchell said:

State is also concerned over the red carpet treatment Harry Bridges got from the American Embassy at Rome. Bridges also had lunch with American turncoat George Shaw Wheeler in Prague.

Comment:

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George Shaw Wheeler sought and obtained asylum in Czechoslovakia in 1950. He has not renounced his American citizenship to date. He has a long subversive history and has written articles for the procommunist "National Guardian" as a European correspondent. All pertinent information regarding Wheeler has been furnished to State, Central Intelligence Agency and the Department.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: 4-13-59

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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Winchell said:

The Dominican Republic is trying to get political asylum for Batista in the United States to avoid trouble with Cuba.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell said:

Beverly Hills, California - Mike Romanoff, the famed host to all movie celebrities, has flown to Russia on a mission the State Department has not revealed.

Comment:

We have not received any information regarding Romanoff's travel or any connection with a "State Department mission."

Winchell said:

Madrid - Allied intelligence departments are keeping a sharp eye on Spain. The communist underground has threatened to start guerilla warfare against Franco, possibly by next Tuesday. The leader of the rebellion is General Alberto Bayo. He sent an ultimatum to Franco: "Give up by April the 14th or face the same means the Cubans used in fighting Batista."

Comment:

We have previously received information regarding alleged proposed revolutionary activities against Spain under the leadership of Alberto Bayo. Bayo is a veteran of the Spanish Civil War and served as a guerilla warfare

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instructor for Fidel ~~Castro~~ when the Castro forces were undergoing training in Mexico prior to their return to Cuba. We have disseminated this information to the Departments of Justice, State, Army, Air Force, Navy, and the Central Intelligence Agency. Legal Attaches at Madrid and Paris following.

Winchell said:

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WIP BWCZ Belgrade - In a last desperate attempt to reduce friction with Moscow, Marshal ~~Tito~~ has opened a new campaign of arrests and persecution of all followers of ~~Viljas~~, the Yugoslav critic of Russia. He has again been thrown into solitary confinement. *Yugo*

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

China
Calcutta - In order to avoid the current wave of bitterness that is sweeping India because of Tibet, ~~Chow en Lai~~, the Peiping foreign minister, is planning to fly to see Nehru. The Indian Government is having trouble guaranteeing safety for him; that is why his trip has been delayed.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

Montevideo - This city for many years has been the headquarters for Red espionage in Latin America. Uruguay will soon crack down on the Red spy ring located in the Soviet Embassy. Several ~~top~~ Russian diplomats will be expelled.

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Comment:

There are three Russian diplomatic establishments in Latin America: Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay. Recently the Mexican Government expelled two Russian military attaches for alleged involvement in the Mexican railroad strike. Within the last two weeks Argentina expelled a representative of the Russian Government

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Winchell said:

"Charlotte Observer" - The Klan in North Carolina is setting up a super-secret underground to be known as "The Chessmen." They claim to have units operating in five Southern states to do all their dirty work. A short cut to all prisons.

Comment:

We have a pending investigation on the "Chessmen, also known as Blackshirts," a Klan-type organization which was reportedly organized in Salisbury, North Carolina, in December, 1958, by one August W. Holman, an attorney. This organization has been recruiting current and former members of the Klan which has developed animosity between this organization and the Klan. No evidence of actual underground organization developed to date. Charlotte and Savannah closely following. We have disseminated information regarding this organization to Departments of Justice, Army, Navy and Air Force.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 4-20-59

FROM : Mr. Belmont

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Winchell said:

Washington - The Pentagon has another scandal coming up dealing with the young men who dodged the draft through influence. Many of them are New York socialites.

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Comment:

We have not received any information to date regarding the above.

Winchell said:

Las Vegas - The top secret during the World Congress of Flight ending tonight may now be told. Dozens of American intelligence agents following a tip searched the hotel rooms of top military brass for Russian microphones and wire taps.

Comment:

We received information that Air Force, in security checking Air Force General Le May's room at the Riveria Hotel in Las Vegas, had uncovered what they believed might have been a concealed microphone. FBI Agents, along with representatives of Air Force, in examining the room determined that this was not a microphone installation but part of an unused radio communication set-up formerly used in the hotel.

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Winchell said:

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Moscow - Allied intelligence has reliable information from inside the Kremlin that a very quiet but sweeping purge is going on from top to bottom.

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We have received information in the last month concerning a realignment of various Soviet officials, not particularly restricted to the Kremlin; however, there is no indication that these shifts can be considered as a "purge."

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Winchell said:

Washington - So-called wise money is betting that Bernard Goldfine will not lose his up-coming case and that it will be dismissed in Federal court. Mr. Goldfine is the Boston millionaire gift giver indicted for playing Santa Claus in Washington.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

Washington - The Administration has admitted this amazing fact to the Congress - that two-thirds of the people working for the American Information Agency as a large number of State Department personnel overseas are not Americans. Even the telephone operator at the American Embassy in Moscow is a Russian. Assistant Secretary of State William McCumba (phonetic) has given Congressman Tom Pelly the following reason why we use foreigners in our overseas Government agencies. He says "They work for less money." Congressman Pelly plans to do something about that.

Comment:

State Department has advised in the past that is its policy to hire local people for custodial and clerical jobs abroad, including the Moscow Embassy. According to State the fact that salary costs are considerably less has a bearing on this; however, the size of the American staff in Moscow is definitely restricted by the inadequate housing available to our personnel in Moscow.

Winchell said:

Inside the American Communist Party - The next secret meeting of the Party's national committee will be held in New York City on the 25th and 26th. Top-ranking Reds throughout the nation will be in attendance. Secret classes

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in Marxism will be held in Baltimore from May 1st to May 23rd. The lecturer there will be the Red's Education Director. Another secret meeting of communists educating communist youth was held in Manhattan on April 11th. Next secret class will meet April 25th. Communist chiefs in New York are planning to welcome Dr. Castro on April 23rd without becoming openly identified with the demonstration.

Comment:

Bureau is cognizant of Communist Party national committee meeting to be held April 25-26 in New York City. New York is following. Meeting will be covered.

Bureau is aware of classes in Marxism to be held in Baltimore May 1-3. Hy Lumer, the Party's Educational Director will lecture. Baltimore is making arrangements to cover.

Bureau is informed concerning the Party's discussion of plans for a youth group and youth education. Meeting was held to discuss those plans on April 11 and another discussion will be had on April 25.

"The Worker" for Sunday, April 19, 1959, carried an article urging that Dr. Castro's welcome to New York City on April 23 be made a rousing one.

Winchell said:

"Miami Herald" - An invasion of Nicaragua by land and sea is slated for sometime in May. Freedom fighters from all Latin American countries will take part. They are now being trained in Venezuela and Cuba.

Comment:

There have been repeated rumors regarding a revolution in Nicaragua in the recent past. We have not received any information which would indicate that Winchell's statement has any factual basis.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: 4-27-59

FROM : Mr. Belmont *albo*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
April 26, 1959

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Winchell Said:

Havana - The headlines that ~~Castro~~ ^{FIDEL} was to be shot during his tour of the United States was a big publicity stunt dreamed up in Havana. It landed on ever front page in the world. ^{CUBA}

Comment:

We have not received any information regarding this. *(that threats we Publicity efforts by Castro go)*

Winchell Said:

Washington - The FBI has turned over new evidence to the Department of Justice that might lead to the indictments of a dozen Red leaders.

Comment:

We have not-presented any new evidence regarding any communist leaders to the Department and there is no basis for the above comment by Winchell.

Winchell Said:

The international news - London - The military experts have cautioned their governments to watch Iran. They believe it is more dangerous than Iraq. The Russians are demanding oil concessions. Moscow has approached Nehru to act as middleman. The Reds now have a very strong mobile striking force all along the Iran border.

Comment:

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Winchell Said:

Washington - Fred Seaton, the Secretary of the Interior, has privately told friends the name of the President's selection for his successor in the White House. His name is Robert Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, DC but Mr. Eisenhower will not try to swing the nomination to Mr. Anderson. The President recently wanted to name him as Secretary of State but he was dissuaded from doing so by various congressional Republicans and Mr. Dulles.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

New York City - The New York police assigned to protect Dr. Castro are convinced he is a "big ham." He loves the spotlight, they say, the limelight and the fuss he is causing. But to the Police Department in New York, Castro is also a very big nuisance. The extravagant expense bill, by the way, is being paid by a famous hotel man's stockholders.

Comment:

We have not received any information regarding this.

Winchell Said:

Inside the Communist Party (CP) - One of the largest of the very secret meetings is going on right now. The national committee of the CP in New York City all this week. Commie headquarters is secretly setting up a highly specialized Marxist school for communist youth. They will conduct classes on being sneaky and other Red activities from June 6th to June 23rd. San Francisco communists are planning a longshoremen's strike for sometime in June. The Michigan State committee will hold its next secret meeting in Detroit on May 3rd.

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Comment:

The Party's national executive committee met in New York City on April 25 and 26. Our sources have advised that the national executive committee will prepare a new youth program for the Party, including plans to form a new Marxist youth organization.

We have also received information regarding a CP school to be held at New York City from June 6th to 23rd. It is anticipated that we will have informant coverage. New York following.

Confidential informants and sources of the San Francisco Office have advised that Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) fully expects to strike the Pacific Coast waterfront in June, 1959, when its current contract expires. Information received indicates the ILWU is seeking alliances with east coast longshore unions and that the first step in furthering such alliances would be to obtain common expiration dates for contracts on both coasts. The east coast contracts expire in September, 1959. We have disseminated this information to the appropriate agencies and are following developments through our sources.

Detroit has advised that a meeting of the Michigan CP committee is scheduled for May 3, 1959, at Detroit. Detroit Office following.

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TO : MR. C. A. TOLSON

DATE: May 4, 1959

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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Winchell said:

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Hollywood - Lawrence Tierney, the moving picture actor who played the part of John Dillinger, was arrested here for the sixth time today and booked as a plain drunk.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell said:

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Washington - Senator McClellan's friends say he will file a large damage suit against the United States Government over the plane crash that killed his son last year. *Ark. D.C.*

Comment:

We have received no information concerning a possible suit by Senator McClellan. On 7-22-58 McClellan's last surviving son, James H. McClellan, was killed in a plane crash near Little Rock, Arkansas. He died in the crash of a twin-engine Beechcraft about ten miles south of Conway, Arkansas, along with three other persons including one W.D. Hill, a Civil Aeronautics Administration inspector.

Winchell said:

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Fort Pierce - "Look" magazine publisher Mike Cowles and his son-in-law, Jack Harrison, have purchased the Fort Pierce "News Tribune," a daily in Florida. *U.S.*

Comment:

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Bufiles reflect that Cowles has been friendly to the Bureau and is known to the Director.

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Winchell said:

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Geneva - Sporadic military action from Quemoy to Iraq is expected at the time of the conference in Geneva. The ordinary Red tactic of starting local fighting as their big chips in the big game stakes - and the big danger is that both sides think the other is bluffing. This means the double call would mean war.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

Mexico City - The reports persist tonight that Dr. Castro is looking for money from Monte Carlo in return for the Havana gambling concessions - very wealthy. Monte Carlo money means the big Greek ship owners who holiday in Prince Ranier's village. Another angle to the deal would be the use of Cuban soil as the base for operation against Panama. Very interesting to the shipping world.

Comment:

The invasion group of some 80 men which recently landed in Panama came from Cuba. The group has surrendered to Panamanian authorities

Winchell said:

Washington - The President has turned down a suggestion that he fly to Berlin on Armed Forces Day May 16th to symbolize American determination not to back down on Germany. He said it would not be proper with a conference going on.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

Our country has a new compound of great importance to our defense. It is a new solid fuel for missiles 15 per cent more powerful than existing solid fuels. The substance is so new the Army has not yet given it a name. This development puts Russia even further behind us in solid fuel rocketry.

Comment:

For your information.

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Winchell said:

Inside the Communist Party - The first of a series of so-called secret Red-sponsored classes will be held for trade-unions at an address on Powellton Avenue in Philadelphia on May 4th.

Comment:

We have previously received this information which is in line with the stepped-up education program of the Party.

Winchell said:

The comrades are urging Party members and others to send letters to the President of the United States demanding a pardon or commutation of sentence for communist Robert Thompson, the commie chief now out on bail. This would be a waste of stamps. The President would never see them.

Comment:

We are aware of this campaign. The Party is attempting to get Thompson a rehearing before the Supreme Court or have his sentence commuted to the time already served or have his return to prison barred on ill health grounds.

Winchell said:

This to let all Reds know that we know what they discussed at their very special New York City conference on last April 24th - ways to sneak into the railroad industry, etc.

Comment:

Winchell refers to the Communist Party National Committee meeting of which we were aware.

Winchell said:

Washington - A three-way split has divided old hands of the FDR-Truman days in the Capitol. It was caused by preconvention jockeying. At one private luncheon to Mr. Justice Douglas, the host, were veterans of the New Deal (sic.) Douglas put in a big plug for Senator Lyndon Johnson for President in 1960. The plug, however, did not bring down the house because many of those present already are committed to Senator Symington. Then

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another Truman aide, Donald Dawson, ^{OC} arranged a small but very potent group to plan a campaign for Adlai Stevenson's third try.

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell said:

"New York Daily Mirror" - Jayne Meadows, Mrs. Steve Allen, ^{Allen} 146, lost a big diamond bracelet to burglars in Chicago, a gift from her husband last sweetheart day. The robbery took place while she was on the stage in "The Gazebo."

Comment:

We have received nothing on this. The Investigative Division is checking with Chicago.

Winchell said:

Albany, New York - Governor Rockefeller believes that Commissioner Monaghan will resign before removal hearings start. The governor will begin the investigation of another top state official as soon as the racing scandal ends.

Comment:

Monaghan identical with former New York City Police Commissioner George F. Monaghan who is now connected with the New York State Harness Racing Commission and who is presently under fire on charges of breach of code of ethics for public officers.

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TO : MR. C. A. TOLSON

DATE: May 11, 1959

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ⁰ WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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Winchell said:

Washington - Despite objections by the Department of Justice, the Senate Judiciary Committee will approve new legislation curbing the highest court in the land.

Comment:

There are a number of bills pending before Congress to void previous Supreme Court decisions. For example, the Mallory Bill which recently passed the House and is now before the Senate.

Winchell said:

Washington - John Edgar Hoover, most underpaid public servant, celebrated his 35th anniversary today as the Nation's number one G-man. A very great American.

Comment:

For information.

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Winchell said:

Washington - U.S. Senator Dodd of Connecticut will make news headlines very soon. He will bolt his democratic colleagues and support confirmation of Commerce Secretary Strauss.

Comment:

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Thomas J. Dodd, former Special Agent, 1933-34. *Ar*

Winchell said:

The international news. Paris - Algeria may become the Spain of World War III, the tryout grounds for the big powers. Red

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Chinese pilots are expected in Algeria soon plus 200 Iron Curtain guerrilla-warfare instructors to help the rebels against France.

Comment:

For information. We have not received any specific information in this regard.

Winchell said:

Belgrade - The rumor persists that Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia will pay a visit to Israel. This would be a terrible blow to Mr. Nasser.

Comment:

For information. We have not received any specific information in this regard.

Winchell said:

Calcutta - Red China has ordered the Indian Consul to get out. Moscow is urging Peiping to go slow on it on the ground that Moscow's big left hand, Mr. Nehru, is already discredited by Russia's big right hand, General Mau.

Comment:

For information. We have not received any specific information regarding this.

Winchell said:

Vienna - Big trouble has broken out again in Budapest. The Reds have unleashed another wave of terror on the Hungarian capital.

Comment:

For information. We have not received any specific information in this regard.

Winchell said:

Moscow - Russia is plotting a tremendous economic offensive in Latin America. Probably in the form of a great sugar deal with Castro of Cuba and a load of great building all over Brazil - any deal to woo them away from us.

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Comment:

For information. We have not received any specific information in this regard.

Winchell said:

New York City - The next issue of "Look" magazine will feature an important story about the Russian submarine threat to the U.S. and our lack of defense to meet it. It is clouded with many important statements from some of our leading naval brass. It will confirm the warning recently sounded by this reporter over the mutual network.

Comment:

For information.

Winchell said:

Washington - White House now believes it has the necessary Senate votes to confirm Admiral Strauss. The attacks on him have worried the President.

Comment:

For information.

Winchell said:

Washington - Another big scandal in Washington coming up to rock capital. It will concern the whereabouts and the use of the former Presidential yacht, "The Williamsburg."

Comment:

For information. We have not received any specific information in this regard.

Winchell said:

Washington - Former President Truman will make more headlines soon. He will lash out at the Federal Reserve Board over the high interest the Government is paying.

Comment:

For information.

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Winchell said:

Washington - Vice President Nixon will make his big appeal in the 1960 campaign by playing up the family budget.

Comment:

For information.

Winchell said:

Washington - Insiders tell me that Secretary of State Herter will offer a top State Department post to Ralph Bunche, America's leading Negro diplomat.

Comment:



Winchell said:

Oklahoma City - The headlines gave a very misleading impression about Lucille Ball the other day. She was accused of refusing to appear at a benefit for juvenile delinquent children. The star said she was told the auditorium would have an audience of about 14,000 children. She learned when she got there that only about 350 grownups showed up, so in a tizzy she took the next plane back to Hollywood. Lucille Ball, ladies and gentlemen, does not need any defense. As she says, "I have played in dugouts for only 13 soldiers." She has appeared at countless benefits all over the country. We who know her well, know her great generosity to all the needy groups. That's why they all love Lucy.